

## THE SENATE

The Senate is composed of 46 Senators elected on November 3, 2020 for terms of four years (Const. Art. III, Sec. 6). Pursuant to Sec. 2-1-65 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 49 of 1995, each Senator is elected from one of forty-six numbered single-member senatorial districts. Candidates for the office of Senator must be legal residents of the district from which they seek election. Each senatorial district contains a population of approximately one/forty-sixth of the total population of the State based on the 2010 Federal Census.

First year legislative service stated means the year the Member attended his first session.

Abbreviations: [D] after name indicates Democrat, [R] after name indicates Republican; *b.* “born”; *g.* “graduated”; *m.* “married”; *s.* “son of”; *d.* “daughter of.”

## OFFICERS

### President of the Senate

**PEELER, Harvey Smith, Jr.** [R]—(Dist. No. 14, *Cherokee-Spartanburg-Union-York Cos.*)—Dairyman & Businessman; residing at 3033 Old Georgia Hwy., Gaffney; *b.* Sept. 8, 1948 in Gaffney; *s.* the late H. Smith, Sr. and Sally (Bratton) Peeler; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1970; Aug. 8, 1969 *m.* Ila LaDonna Caudill, 3 children, Brantlee Rene, Harvey Smith III, and Boone Solomon; mem.: Gaffney First Baptist Church; Mason; Shriner; Amer. Jersey Cattle Assn.; Amer. Legion; Cherokee Co. Council, 1977–80; Sen. Majority Leader, 2005–16; mil. serv.: Lt., USA, 1970–72; prev. serv. in Sen. 1981–20; elected Pres. of the Sen. Jan. 8, 2019, serving continuously since.



**Clerk of the Senate**

**GOSSETT, Jeffrey S.**—(Richland Co.)—residing in Columbia; *s.* Cherryl Ann Sanders and the late Harry Kenneth Gossett; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., Political Science, 1992, M.P.A., 1994; June 18, 1993 *m.* Susanah Paige Jones, 3 children; elected Clerk Jan. 9, 2001, serving continuously since.

**Assistant Clerk**

**MOFFITT, Kenneth M.**—(Richland Co.)—residing in Columbia; *g.* N.C. State Univ., B.A., 1993; Campbell Univ., J.D., 2001; Mar. 4, 2000 *m.* Shawna Barnett, 2 children, Hannah Grace and Marshall; apptd. Asst. Clerk Sept. 2, 2014, serving continuously since.

**Reading Clerk**

**WIENGES, John Othniel**—(Calhoun Co.)—residing at 102 Wienges Court, St. Matthews; *b.* Apr. 15, 1960; *s.* Othniel Henry and Carolyn (Phillips) Wienges; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., Political Science, 1983; *m.* Kathryn Dawson Wienges, 3 children, John Othniel, Jr., William Trezevant, and Frances Wren; former Mayor, Town of St. Matthews; mem., St. Paul United Methodist Church; former Pres., Calhoun Co. Farm Bureau; Kappa Alpha Order; apptd. Asst. Clerk Mar. 1, 1988; elected Reading Clerk Jan. 11, 1994, serving continuously since.

**Sergeant at Arms**

**WILLIAMS, Charles D., Jr. “Chuck”**—(Richland Co.)—residing in Columbia; b. Sept. 15, 1968 in Columbia; s. the late Charles D., Sr. and the late Mildred Irene Folk Williams; Oct. 12, 1991 *m.* Ashley Stafford, 2 children, Charles Andrew “Drew” and Harrison Stafford “Ford”; mem., Eastminster Presbyterian Church; mil. serv.: SCANG (Ret.), 1996–17; Asst. Sergeant at Arms Dec. 6, 2016–Jan. 8, 2019; elected Sergeant at Arms Jan. 8, 2019, serving continuously since.

**Chaplain**

**ST. JOHN, James I.**—(Richland Co.)—Retired Pastor; residing in Columbia; b. Mar. 19, 1939; s. the late Ivan S. and Kathryn (McCreary) St. John; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1961; Univ. of S.C., M.A., 1969; Cola. Theological Seminary, D.Min., 1978; July 20, 1963 *m.* Ann Beatrice Hendrix, 1 child, Melissa St. John Raith; Ordained, Presbyterian Church, USA, 1978; named Pastor *Emeritus*, Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, Cola., 2005; S.C. Sen. Chaplain, 2007–2016; apptd. Acting Chaplain Jan. 12, 2021.

